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Applicants:	A.G. Daifotis et al.		
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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

This response is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period expired on June 7, 2003. A Petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee is included herewith. In light of the following remarks, allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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